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PABLO JACOBO CHALABE

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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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H PASS: THE HONORABLE GERALDINE A. FERRARO
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WASHDC 20515

1. DEAR MS. FERRAROC

I WRITE IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER OF DEC 22N 1980,
CONCERNING PABLO JACOBO CHALABE WHO WAS REPORTEDLY KIDNAPPED
IN ARGENTINA.

2. WE DO NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THIS CASE. WITH THE
ADDRESS OF MRS. CHALABE THAT YOU PROVIDED IN THE CORRES-
PONDENCE ENCLOSED WITH YOUR LETTER, WE WILL CONTACT
HER DIRECTLY TO LEARN MORE AND SEE HOW WE
MIGHT BEST PROCEED.

3. IN ANY CASE, FROM THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE
LETTER MRS. CHALABE WROTE MR. VARGAS CARRENO, IT WOULD
APPEAR THAT HIS REPORTED KIDNAPPING TOOK PLACE SOME TIME,
PERHAPS EVEN SEVERAL YEARS, AGO. IF SO, MR. CHARLES
IS ONE OF THE MANY PERSONS WHO HAVE
DISAPPEARED IN ARGENTINA. THE EMBASSY'S MANY INQUIRIES
TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE WORKING GROUP IN BEHALF OF SUCH
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DISAPPEARED PERSONS HAVE NOT, TO DATE, LED TO ANY
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THAN A STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA IS NOT HOLDING THEM AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR WHEREABOUTS.

4. DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO ARGENTINA, CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI, MEMBERS OF HIS DELEGATION AND OF HIS COMMITTEE'S STAFF DISCUSSED THE ISSUE OF THE DISAPPEARED WITH ME, MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY AND LEADERS OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. I EXPECT THAT THEY WILL SHARE THE SUBSTANCE OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE HOUSE MEMBERSHIP. HOWEVER, I SHOULD NOTE HERE THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS MADE EVIDENT THAT OUR ABILITY TO LEARN ANYTHING SUBSTANTIAL ABOUT THE FATE OF INDIVIDUAL DISAPPEARED PERSONS IS, REGRETTABLY, EXTREMELY LIMITED.

5. THUS, WHILE WE WILL MAKE KNOWN TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT YOUR INTEREST IN THIS MATTER, I CANNOT AT THIS POINT BE ENCOURAGING THAT WE WILL LEARN VERY MUCH MORE.

6. YOUR LETTER CAME TO THE EMBASSY THROUGH DIPLOMATIC POUCH AND WAS ONLY RECEIVED JANUARY 13. USE OF OUR APO FACILITIES WOULD BE QUICKER. THUS, IF YOU WANT TO WRITE ME IN THE FUTURE, I SUGGEST YOU USE THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

AMERICAN EMBASSY
ARGENTINA
APO MIAMI, FL 34034

7. SINCERELY YOURS, HARRY W. SHLAUDEMANN, AMBASSADOR.
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